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## BRITAIN WILL WIN THROUGH

### Unoccupied



While veterans searched in vain for housing accommodation, 40 newly built homes like this remained unoccupied for four months. Reeve George H. Mitchell of North York, Ontario, former C.C.F. M.L.A., told county council and placed blame on D.V.A. The houses now are being offered to veterans for about \$6,800 or \$1,000 more than estimated price.

### In Memory Of Gwen Roper

There is no "Personal Stuff" by E.E.R. this week.

The leader of the C.C.F. in Alberta is known to thousands as a hard and courageous fighter but those more intimately acquainted with him have long been aware of his intensely human side so well exemplified in his devotion to his family. Gwen, his 21-year-old daughter, had a very special place in his affections. She passed away on Monday afternoon following a lengthy illness.

Gwendolyn Hazel Roper was a first-year student nurse when she was stricken with a chronic ailment about a year and a half ago. The best medical advice was sought and for a time she seemed to make some progress toward recovery. Her indomitable spirit together with her mother's loving and understanding care had brought her through a number of critical periods and it was hoped that she would soon be around again after her last set-back. But it was not to be.

Gwen's blithe spirit was never meant for a life of semi-invalidism. She loved the thrill of gliding gracefully over a sheet of smooth ice on her skates, the challenge of a keenly-contested game of tennis. When these more active sports were denied her during the past year she always found her beloved "Pops" was never too busy to partner her in a game of croquet or rock. The banter, fun and comradeship that went along with these games made them a much enjoyed form of relaxation at the end of the day.

A happy resourceful girl with a delightful sense of humor, her amazing courage during those last painful days in hospital inspired all who came in contact with her. Gwen, was not afraid to die and she wanted no mourning at the bar when she passed on.

And so we pay our last tribute to a very gallant young lady who has left many happy memories for her family and friends to cherish throughout the years.

Many friends throughout Canada will join the People's Weekly staff in expressing heartfelt sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Roper, Irene, Frances and Lyall in their sad loss.

### Seven More Candidates Nominated

With every indication that a provincial election will take place early in 1948, C.C.F. constituency associations throughout the province are busy nominating candidates and arranging for organizational work. With seven candidates named this week, 12 C.C.F. provincial standard-bearers are now in the field.

M. J. Coldwell, M.P., C.C.F. national leader, has just concluded a highly successful tour of Alberta. His meetings were highly successful, well-attended and enthusiastic gatherings indicative of the keen interest which is being manifest in the C.C.F. throughout the province. Premier T. C. Douglas of Saskatchewan is scheduled to speak at a public meeting in connection with the provincial convention in the Masonic Temple on Thursday evening, November 20.

#### Robert Carlyle

Robert Carlyle, C.C.F. provincial board member and prominent young farmer of Blackfalds, was chosen as the C.C.F. nominee at the Lacombe constituency association convention.

#### A. D. Olsen

A. D. Olsen, Homegen farmer and past vice-president and district organizer for the A.F.U. was the choice of the Ponoka nominating convention.

#### George Davies

George Davies, Lloydminster farmer, was named for the Alex. (Continued on page 8)



At Lake Success, N.Y., two Canadian members of Parliament, Angus MacInnis (centre) and Walter Harris (left), talk things over in the lobby with His Excellency Sr. Hernan (right), Santa Cruz Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, permanent member to the United Nations.

### Premier T. C. Douglas

## Saskatchewan Spends \$4.32 On Welfare; Alberta \$2.68

REGINA (CPA). — Accusing the Dominion government of "sheer evasion and procrastination" in its talk of an over-all social security plan, Premier Douglas of Saskatchewan in a C.B.C. nation-wide broadcast on November 6 called for an immediate Dominion-Provincial conference on social security and the implementation of federal promises in the seven provinces which have signed financial agreements. "The Federal Government cannot claim a lack of financial means; indications are that the Dominion will have a surplus of nearly 1,000 million dollars at the end of the present fiscal year," Mr. Douglas said.

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### Lacombe Candidate



ROBERT CARLYLE,

Blackfalds farmer, was nominated as the C.C.F. candidate for Lacombe at a nominating convention on Wednesday of last week.

### FORSHEE C.C.F. CLUB ISSUES CHALLENGE

The Forshee C.C.F. club contributed \$18.00 this week and in order to "keep the C.C.F. on the air" they challenge all groups to make a similar donation.

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## British Co-ops To Join World Oil Co-operative

NEW YORK (CNS).—The British Cooperative Wholesale Society will join the International Cooperative Petroleum Association and make capital investment of \$400,000, it was decided at a directors' meeting in Manchester, England, October 22.

"This news is the most hopeful story to come out of Europe since V-E Day," said Howard Cowden, secretary of the oil co-op when informed by telephone of the decision. "The decision brings into membership the world's largest co-operative wholesale at an important period in the life of the international oil co-operative, just as it is beginning to function. Entrance of CWS will provide added strength to the new organization and further assurance to consumers generally that cooperatives are destined to play a significant role in international commerce."

#### Big Business

Cowden, who is president of the Consumers Cooperative Association, Kansas City, famous among cooperative organizations for its development of refineries and oil wells, said the British wholesale had sales of nearly \$750,000,000 in 1946, nearly one-third of which represented goods produced in its own factories.

It has share capital of nearly \$80,000,000 and 1,000 retail societies whose combined volume in 1946 was more than \$1½ billion.

Handling a wide variety of consumer goods, the English movement returns millions of dollars annually to consumers as dividends on purchases. It is the biggest business in the British Isles, reaching into the homes of a high percentage of the total population.

#### Cover Wide Field

Membership of the International Cooperative Petroleum Association now includes 24 central co-operative wholesales in 19 countries. Incorporated April 15, 1947, (Continued on Page 8)

## AUSTRALIA COULD USE MORE WORKERS

MELBOURNE.—An appeal for Australian employers to use part-time female labor as an aid towards solving the man-power shortage was made by Minister for Labor and National Service, Edward J. Holloway recently. He said this seemed to be the only source from which labor could be recruited. September unemployment benefits were paid to only one in every 10,000 workers. This was a record low level of unemployment. At the end of September Commonwealth industry had vacancies for more than 47,000 men and 33,000 women.

### Jennie Lee Tells N. Y. Audience

NEW YORK (CPA). — "With or without American help, our people will win through," Jennie Lee, British Labor M.P., and wife of Aneurin Bevan, minister of health, told the New York Herald-Tribune forum in an address on "The New Britain."

Referring to the fact that the whole world is anxiously discussing General Marshall's proposals, she said, "I fervently hope a plan can be worked out that can be honorably accepted on both sides of the Atlantic. But so far as Britain is concerned, let this be plainly understood: There is not the slightest doubt that with or without American help our people will win through."

Great Britain today might have been in a position of complete chaos and hopelessness, she pointed out. There might have been widespread industrial strikes paralyzing any hope of industrial recovery. There might have been bread riots in protest against flagrant black marketing. There might have been mass demonstrations of homeless people clamoring for shelter.

"All that would have followed," Miss Lee assured her audience, "if at the end of the war we had removed price controls and rationing, if we had left our coal mines in the hands of the pre-war coal

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## PRESS FOR CHANGE IN LIBRARIES ACT

Unanimous support of the Public Library Boards of the province appears likely for the Edmonton Public Library's appeal for amendment of the restrictive clauses of the provincial Public Libraries Act, according to a statement released by Clifford E. Lee, chairman of the Edmonton Public Library Board. Boards which have already indicated their backing include those of Calgary, Lethbridge, Wetaskiwin, Alix, Willingdon, Raymond, Beverly, Rocky Mountain House and Drumheller. The present Libraries Act provides that libraries may not levy more than one mill for the purpose of library financing.

The Edmonton Board emphasizes that this does not mean the li-

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## COST-OF-LIVING IS UP TO 142.2

OTTAWA.—The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index, on base 1935-39=100, rose a further 2.8 points to 142.2 between September 2 and October 1, 1947. The increase continued to reflect price advances associated with the removal of subsidy payments and price control. The rise in the index since October last year was 15.4 points, and since April this year, 11.6 points. When adjusted to the base, August 1939=100, the Dominion cost-of-living index moved up to 141.1.

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## Confident Britain Will "Pull Through" Financial Difficulties



TORONTO (CPA)—With or without U.S. help, the British people will win through the present economic and financial crisis, said Jennie Lee, fiery Labour M.P. addressing a New York forum.



Only a Socialist government could have carried post-war Britain through the difficulties of the past two years, Jennie Lee is sure. "No power on earth can compel or persuade us to turn back," she declared. She is shown here at luncheon with her husband, Ancurin Bevan, Britain's minister of health.

# Britain Will Win Through

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owners, if we had accepted the advice given us from time to time by British Conservatives and occasionally from American ones, to abandon Socialist measures and trust to the normal functioning of capitalist economy.

"I don't believe in any country telling another country how it should run its affairs, but I do want to emphasize that a Socialist government and only a Socialist government could have carried post-war Britain through the difficulties of those last two years."

#### Babies Privileged Class

"We have created a new privileged class in Britain," she said. "Faced with a situation in which we have not enough food to give all of us a decent diet, we are modestly proud of the way we have made quite certain our youngsters shall not suffer. From our scarce supplies we have piled up priority claims on milk, eggs, orange juice, cod-liver oil and the other essentials needed by expectant mothers and babies."

"We have done this so successfully that the maternal death rate in Britain today is only half what it was in the days of so-called peace and plenty before the war."

"And the babies themselves look wonderful. I find it a deeply moving sight to see the contrast between some of our mothers with stunted bodies, rickets, all the signs that they in their childhood were neglected and half-starved, and their healthy, fine-limbed children. Mother and child sometimes look as if they belonged to entirely different breeds."

#### Available To Rich, Too

"And, of course, every priority available to the children of the poor is equally available to the children of every other income group. We are not concerned with just some of our children. We are equally concerned to provide the tenderest protection within our means for all of them."

"In order to insure that those whose needs are greatest are served first, all of us in Britain must submit to a strict system of rationing and price control," she pointed out.

"As with food, so with clothing, housing, and all our other needs. The possession of wealth and titles

in Britain today does not enable any one to build a house if another family, however poor, is in greater need. We see to it that those whose circumstances are most desperate are served first. To do this, we build houses mainly to rent, and we forbid luxury building."

"We thrive on free speech," the woman Labour M.P. declared. "Our greatest safeguards are our traditional British liberties. Indeed, we love liberty so much that we intend in the next few years to extend its frontiers. We believe it more than time that modern men and women should not only be free to speak as they please, but free and able to eat as they please, live as they please and to enjoy a fair share of all the furniture—intellectual, spiritual, recreational, as well as physical—that a sanely organized economic system can provide."

"And indeed, already in Britain, although collectively we are poorer than before the war, millions of our people are better off. If you go among agricultural workers, miners, those who were unemployed or partially unemployed before the war, you can find out that for yourself."

"That is part of the reason why in 20 by-elections since the general election, the government has held its ground, a unique record in our parliamentary history."

#### Laying Foundations

"It is quite true that in Britain today we are striving with the primitive problems of bread and shelter," Miss Lee admitted, "but anyone who looks carefully at the great production drive now in full swing can see the foundations being laid of a society which will give ordinary people a better time than they ever had in the past."

"You have got us all wrong if you think we like austerity for its own sake. We know now we have to find our way through the tough way. It is a kind of peace-time 1940 with us."

"Something like a miracle of production has been achieved," she told her audience. "In every one of our major industries, with the exception of cotton and coal, present output exceeds the pre-war figure. That has been done in two years, grappling with blitzed homes and factories, with obsolete industrial equipment,

with the dislocation inevitable in an island where our total manpower, woman-power and industrial resources had been mobilized for war purposes 100 per cent."

#### Time All Britain Needs

"All that Britain needs is time," she averred. "Even the coal problem, the toughest of the lot for us, is shaping well. This year we produced more coal than last year, last year more than the year before. Output per man has increased. Absenteeism is decreasing; we begin to export next year. Some would-be clever economists completely falsify the coal position. They talk as if it were cattle or slaves who manned our mines instead of free British workmen. The British miner is better off than in the past, but has still a very great deal of which he can justifiably complain."

"One serious problem is that two-fifths of our miners are over 40 years of age, one-fifth over 50 years of age. It takes time to persuade the younger men to come into the mines. It takes time to train them. And although the men working at the coal face can make good money if they are strong and skilled, it is not sufficiently well known that more than two-thirds of the underground workers earn only \$20 a week, surface workers even less."

"I have some of the hard facts of the coal situation in my hands at the moment. They are the weekly pay cheques of men in my own constituency. I have brought them with me to America so that you can figure out from first-hand

evidence just how much truth there is in the slander that our men are pampered, privileged, overpaid and work-shy. But like the rest of the British community, the British miner has become fighting mad. He has even voluntarily accepted a lengthening of his working hours."

"It is good to be alive in Britain today," said Miss Lee. "It is good in the same exhilarating way that it was good to be alive in the early day of your American revolution," she told her New York audience. "We are off on our covered wagons. Don't ask me to show you a blueprint of the way. There are no blueprints. There never are when a pioneering job has to be done. All there can be is a willingness to take risks and a profound belief in the worthwhileness of what you are doing."

"I confess to you that your modern American speaks with so many different voices that we are frankly puzzled by you. Sometimes we think the ghost of George III must have slunk past

the Statute of Liberty and taken up residence over here. Sometimes we feel the old revolutionary tradition, with its hatred of privilege and its concern for the ordinary man, remains the strongest force in your land. If that last is true, you will understand what is happening in Britain today. You will wish us Godspeed on our journey. And you will know that no power on earth can compel or persuade us to turn back."

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**BITTER MEDICINE**

When a dog bites a man, that is not news. But when a man bites a dog—that is something to crow about. For the same reason, when an American capitalist publicly says that it is quite possible that Karl Marx may be right—that's news, startling news. Of course, no one would expect local newspapers to publish such news. I don't suppose it was ever lifted from the original publication or commented on. But, if you don't believe me, find a copy of the New York Times magazine, Oct. 5, 1947, and there you will find an article by Chester Bowles, former Price Administrator in the Roosevelt war cabinet, beginning as follows:

"Karl Marx was convinced that capitalism was doomed to smash itself to bits in a period of recurring inflations and depressions. The policies of the Soviet government since 1945 have been predicated on the assumption that Marx was right and that the American capitalist system would eventually come apart at the seams. At the rate we are going it is wholly possible that within the next ten years Karl Marx's judgment will have been proven correct."

What makes this article significant is the fact that it is presented by a champion of American free enterprise capitalism. Chester Bowles is a capitalist himself and a man who knows something about how free enterprise works. He knows its strength and recognizes its weaknesses. For years he ruled over prices and maintained a measure of stability while America was at war.

He urged continuation of price controls but lost the battle to reactionary Big Business Congressmen clamoring for profit. Bowles' prediction that price control would lead the nation on the fatal road to inflation has been proven right. This prediction that Karl Marx may be right cannot be laughed off either. Chester Bowles is a man of few words. He seldom speaks out of turn. Those who have implicit faith in "free enterprise" in the United States or Canada may well ponder this article in which Bowles proposes a number of steps which American economy must take if it is to survive.

These proposals come remarkably close to the socialist program for world reconstruction on a planned economy basis. One would think they were lifted from the C.C.F. federal program. May they were. Here is what this Elijah of free enterprise insists must be done by American free enterprisers if they wish to prove that prophet Karl Marx was false in his prediction.

Bowles insists that speculation must cease on the grain market; food supplies must be allocated according to plan. Rationing of some commodities must be reintroduced. Ceilings must be placed on basic foods and basic industrial products. Steel production must be expanded and in the meantime allocation resorted to. Excess profits must be curbed by taxation. A housing program must be planned for 1 1/2 million houses in 1948. Rent controls must be extended. I don't know whether Chester Bowles has a sense of humor, but if he has, he much chuckle to himself. Because what he is advocating as a remedy for free enterprise is worse than the disease.

"What he is really saying is that if free enterprise is to survive then it must cease to be free enterprise." Or else...

He winds up his article with

# The People Speak

Letters to the editor may be published under a pseudonym, but in each case the name and address of the writer must be forwarded to the editor as evidence of good faith. The People's Weekly takes no responsibility for opinions expressed by correspondents and will not publish any letters exceeding 300 words in length.

## MUST DEPEND ON C.C.F.

Editor, People's Weekly.

Sir: The Hon. Paul Martin is reported to have said recently, in Calgary: "The Liberal government's record in the field of social legislation can be compared and touched by no other political party in Canada." J. Harper Prowse, present at the meeting, agreed with this statement.

The Liberal government at Ottawa and Mr. Prowse in Alberta have little cause to shout about the debt given old age pensioners by the Liberal government, starting 28 years ago. When living expenses during the last few years have increased in some cases 60 per cent, these old men and women over 70 are now on the verge of dying from starvation on an inadequate and miserly government pension of \$30 a month. It provides them with no hospitalization or other care when sick or disabled.

For the three years Saskatchewan's C.C.F. government has been in power it has done more for old people than the Liberal government did for them in 28 years. And when a C.C.F. government sits in power at Ottawa it will fulfill its intention of increasing the old age pension to \$60 without a means test.

It is quite evident that the Liberal government and party have little sympathy with old people nor do they care whether they live or die. So it behoves all old people throughout Canada to realize that the C.C.F. party is placed in power at Ottawa at the earliest possible moment.

B. A. SCOVILL

Calgary.

## GAMBLING IN FOOD

Editor, People's Weekly.

Sir: I was particularly pleased with the following issue of your paper by your columnist, dealing with "Something For Nothing" in the current issue and specifically spotlighting the activities of "a man with money" on the Winnipeg Grain Exchange "once more open to his depredations;" and the assertion with which the story closes, and which rang like a bell in this rural mind: "If a depression can be caused by common people getting too much,—well, it would be a new kind of depression."

I am wondering if the organized farmers were consulted prior to, rather than after, the decision to turn oats and barley once again over to the speculators had been arrived at?

So far as I am concerned, I recognize this as a step backward, from the social principle of stabilization to the greedy spirit of

these words: "The future of our present system rests largely in the hands of those who own and manage American industry. Every American who believes in what this system can accomplish must hope fervently that they will rise before it is too late to their opportunity and responsibility."

Other papers, please copy.

laissez-faire and speculation. On the surface it may look like a win for the food gamblers; although there may be a distinct understanding behind that "cereal curtain" as to what will happen to those speculating playboys, if they move outside specified price boundaries. Who knows? My humble opinion is that, if the weatherman's plans for 1940 don't turn out to be favorable, in the present humor (and hunger) of the world's peoples, those speculators at Chicago and Winnipeg will have a brief future? Gambling in the people's food is on its way out, on at least three counts: it is dangerous; it is costly; it is anti-social.

EASTERN CANADIAN.

## THE COMMON ENEMY

Editor, People's Weekly.

Sir: There are two factors keeping the A.F.U. and U.F.A. apart. 1. The A.F.U. apparently have not much use for the co-ops, although the membership of the A.F.U. are largely co-operators. 2. The U.F.A. do not wish to have any hand in bringing co-ops and country dwellers together.

Regarding the first, there is ample proof that some of our co-ops are not being run as they should be run. But A.F.U. members who are members of co-ops, who are only co-ops in name, have the remedy in their own hands.

As to the second, the reason why the U.F.A. are not willing to co-operate with labor is not so easily disposed of. Government, farmer and labor groups must co-operate if they are ever to attain their goal. But they are being kept apart today by their common enemy — monopoly capitalism. They are playing the old, old game of "Divide and Rule" and sad to relate many of our intelligent farmers are falling for it hook, line and sinker.

What do I mean when I say "Monopoly Capitalism." There is another name for it and it is "Fascist Big Business." Democratic socialism is not totalitarianism — the idea comes from our capitalist friends. Democratic socialism envisages not the relinquishment of any of our beautiful ideals but the addition to these good things of other good things — economic justice and social security. To my friends in the U.F.A. I would say this — under democratic socialism there will be more opportunities for co-operative endeavour than exist today. Co-operation and socialism are more than economic aspirations, they are a way of life. They stand for freedom, economic justice and social security. They are indivisible. You cannot separate socialism and co-operation. The ultimate in co-operation is socialism. Nor can you equate socialism and totalitarianism no matter what our Canadian Chamber of Commerce says about it, nor how much they spend on this propaganda. Red baiting is only used to conceal a more malignant growth.

GEO. MACSHANE.

Red Deer.



By H. ZELLA SPENCER

YESTERDAY I attended our CCF nominating convention. Before I left home I said I was going to leave the writing of my weekly letter until I came back for I knew I should be sure to see and hear things there on which I wished to comment. I did. And it was not a comment I can make with pride but rather disappointment and a bit of shame.

We were standing around waiting for the convention to begin, because, "Believe it or Not," it did not start on time. Of course I know country roads, mishaps of one kind or another can make for miscalculations in time, but it is strange that if these same people as a whole were going to church or to see some feature of the movies or some sport, there would be a very much greater evidence of punctuality. Beginning on time is not something about which we have to legislate or move heaven and earth to bring about, we simply have to move ourselves and develop the custom of punctuality at these meetings which gives a more business-like sense from the start.

But, as I said, we were standing round waiting and I looked about me and turned to Mr. Coldwell, whom we were fortunate enough to have with us, and said, "one might think there was a sign out 'For Men Only.'" "Yes," he said, "I cannot help but notice the difference between Saskatchewan and Alberta. In Saskatchewan the meetings are generally a matter of some fifty-fifty men and women while here an audience may be over 80% men."

Now do you wonder I felt a little ashamed and disappointed when I noted our convention and realized it as a sample? True, I know perfectly well there were

farm women who stayed at home and did the chores so the men could go and take in both afternoon and evening meetings. I know there were others who were kept home looking after small children and others unavoidably kept away for some reason or another. I also know that in this whole constituency—town, village and country—there were many women who could have been in attendance and would have been had it been something in which they were really keenly interested. As it was, they simply let indifference or their own personal amusements or interests keep them from being there.

We are having it brought home to us continually that our lives are bound together, that we can do more co-operatively, that our governments take on what were considered our personal responsibilities. To do our organization justice, to give most worthwhile service, we need the best it can offer. And does it not seem a hurdle at the very beginning for the candidate to overcome, to realize the apparent indifference of his constituency?

Mind you the women were not the only culprits, far from it. That same spirit of indifference, of personal interest taking precedence over our common interests, were far too much in evidence among the men too. But, as I said, it was of my own woman-kind about which I felt most disappointed. I wonder how much the progress Saskatchewan has been making in her way of thinking has been the result of the evidenced interest of their women?

And I have more comments I want to make another day.

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## A REASONABLE REQUEST

IN THE situation facing the libraries of the province Albertans have one more example of the curious disposition of the Manning government to actually stand in the way of progress even when there is no apparent reason why they should. The public libraries operate under a Libraries Act. One of its provisions is that municipalities, including the towns and cities, may not levy more than one mill for the purposes of library financing.

But libraries in this era of expanding cultural activities are much different than they were in 1921 when the Libraries Act was passed. The cities of Edmonton and Calgary at least have excellent public libraries. But their financing has had to be done by finding ways of avoiding the restrictions of the provincial act.

The Edmonton Public Library Board has been seeking amendments to the Act in order to avoid this obviously unsatisfactory state of affairs. It chose to leave the approach to the government to prominent librarians who were members of the provincial library board appointed by the government. At that time it had not yet become obvious that the appointment of this board was purely a political gesture intended to make Alberta people feel that some effort was being expended on cultural affairs. The librarians soon found out, however, that they were being given the run-around and that promised amendments to the act were not being prepared. Some resignations resulted.

Late in the last session of the legislature C.C.F. leader Roper asked in the house if amendments to the Libraries Act were contemplated. The minister replied that "no representations had been made". The man thereby revealed himself as being either careless with the truth or so incompetent as not to know what was going on.

This year the Edmonton Library Board has gathered the almost unanimous support of the public library boards of the province for a combined plea that the restrictions of the Act should be modified. They are merely asking that the provincial government get out of the way and allow the elected councils of towns and cities to plan their library expenditures in relation to the value they themselves place on libraries. It is a very reasonable request. There is surely no reason why the government should block library development any longer.

## THE C.C.F. CONVENTION

FROM November 20th to 22nd inclusive the Annual Provincial Convention of the C.C.F. will be held in Edmonton in the Memorial Hall. Great events are transpiring, great problems confront us, democratic solutions for our problems must be found. For these reasons, as well as for others of a purely democratic nature, the importance of this coming convention cannot be overemphasized.

The C.C.F. prides itself in its democratic origin, its democratic action and destiny. The C.C.F. convention is democracy in action.

Do you ask what exactly will be the platform of the C.C.F. in the next provincial election? Well, the answer is that no one knows until the people composing the C.C.F. movement in this province have spoken through their annual convention.

The common people who make up the C.C.F. organization have full responsibility for building the organization, deciding its program, paying its bills and choosing and electing its representatives. That being so, every community should see to it that its representatives are at that convention to assume their democratic responsibility.

## TEA FOR THREE

THE latest example of special privilege which is the negation of private enterprise took place in Ottawa last year. Expert men of the metallurgical department discovered an extensive deposit of high grade iron ore in Northern Quebec and Labrador. Three millionaires pounced on the find. They first secured exclusive legal rights to explore and exploit the field. They then obtained from the Quebec government. Then they applied to the Dominion government for a charter to build a railway to the iron ore mines. They got that too. Now there are at least three million Canadians who would like to do some private enterprising in the iron ore business in Northern Quebec. But they find that three men have the exclusive right to that natural resource. This is what happened to oil, gas, timber, water power, and all other known natural resources in Canada. Perhaps the editor of the *Edmonton Journal*, the editor of the *Bulletin*, or Premier Manning—they are all great private enterprise champions—will tell the rest of us how we could try a little private enterprising in this iron ore proposition after three men have obtained exclusive rights to all of it. The answer of the C.C.F. is that no individual or corporation should be granted any privilege which it is not possible to grant to every individual. That is the basic principle of economic democracy.

## THE THIRD COLUMN

### CHILDISH STUFF

Dorothy Thompson in the *Edmonton Bulletin*, Nov. 4:

"The Congressional Committee on 'un-American' activities currently investigating Communism in Hollywood presumably wishes to deal with the Communist menace. But what it is doing is childish, and positively useful to the cause it seeks to injure."

"So far the evidence produced in the hearing is as unreliable as that of gossip writers merchandising hearsay. Nobody has produced a single line from anything but wartime motion pictures which definitely can be described as Communist propaganda. Nobody has been proved to be a Communist. . . . The result of the Washington hearing has been to mobilize against the committee the chief stars of Hollywood, including people who wouldn't be caught dead with a Communist."



### TO FARMERS' TASTE

Edinburgh, Scotland (CDN):

"A program of greater mechanization, combined with an enlightened British agricultural policy, has given Scottish farmers great hopes for a prosperous postwar future."

"Spot-checking conditions in Scotland, the United Kingdom's No. 1 farm region, the group of enterprising American agriculturists with whom this correspondent is currently touring has found mechanization the keynote everywhere."

"We have looked at the famed livestock herds in Midlothian, along the east coast and banks of the Firth of Forth. We have talked with respective farmers. And we have found all growers of valuable fodder crops going in for tractor and other machinery as fast as these are available."

"One of the greatest stimuli to the Scottish farmers is the favorable attitude of the London government."



### DUE FOR DISAPPOINTMENT

By Gerald Waring and Robert McKeown in *The Standard*, Montreal, October 25:

"When Finance Minister Douglas Abbott brings down his next budget a lot of taxpayers are in for a disappointment. Those big tax cuts that long have been awaited aren't going to come just yet."

"Abbott almost certainly will have a whacking surplus to show for the year's activities. He budgeted for a surplus of \$190,000,000 and he may exceed this sum by quite a bit."

"Then why not cut taxes?"

"The answer is to be found in the government's changed ideas about budgeting. Abbott and his financial advisers don't hold with the idea that when times are good and there are big surpluses, taxes should be cut to the bone. Instead, they say that this is the very time when taxes should be kept high."



### THEY'RE NATIVE SONS

Commenting on the background of the 50 "Big Shots" who dominated the Canadian economy, W. H. McCollum states in "Who Owns Canada?" page 8, that:

"With the exception of four who were born in the United States of America, not one of the 50 is what is called 'foreign born.' Four of the 50 'Big Shots' were born in England, and all of the remaining 42 were born in Canada. All of them are of English, Scottish, Irish or French origin, and none of them can be suspected of having an 'international foreign banker' among the skeletons in their closets. There is not a Jew among them."

## FOOTPRINTS

By J. P. GRIFFIN

"Can I forget what rogues have hoarded and these advanced measures?"

IN the closing hours of the last session of Parliament, John Blackmore conducted a personal quiz program, designed to show that there is a shortage of purchasing power in the hands of Canadian consumers.

As the price of commodities advances everywhere, purchasing power is taken from the people. As the great monopoly thieves of the world take as much money as they can get in exchange for as little as they can give—purchasing power is concentrated in their hands. It is taken from the many and given to the few. From the many who could (and would) spend it on more food, more clothing and more shelter, and given to corporations who will not spend it on food, clothing, or shelter, because they either do not need such things, or because they already have enough of them.

Social Creditors and C.C.F.'ers can easily agree on the proposition that there cannot be prosperity without adequate purchasing power. Old age pensions are an ineffective and clumsy way of giving the people back (at seventy) some of the purchasing power that had been taken from them in earlier years.

We are not short of purchasing power because we did not create enough of its equivalent, but because someone took from us what we had created and we worked on the farm and in the factory. It was taken from us by the great industrial and financial monopolies, and because they did not

get our permission to take our property, it follows that it must have been stolen. The problem of supplying purchasing power to the people is the problem of stopping the thieves from stealing it. How can this be done? By giving to the victims as much industrial power as a means of defence, as the robbers now hold as a means of exploitation.

U.S. steel corporations have increased the list price of their products in amounts of from \$5.00 to \$16.00 per ton, which increase will be "reflected" in higher prices for manufactured goods using steel. (How employees, as customers, can buy higher priced goods unless employers give them more purchasing power in increased wages, no one knows). For the first half of 1947 U.S. Steel reported earnings of nearly \$9 million dollars, the highest in its history and nearly 200 per cent over the same period for 1946. In addition to this, "book-keeping jugglery" is believed to have hidden another twelve million dollars of profits.

From these figures it seems likely that consumers in America will have at least 100 million dollars worth of purchasing power taken from them in 1947 by one corporation. If that part of the Steel Empire that lies in Canada, at Steep Rock for example, had been developed by the Canadian Government as a publicly owned service at cost, a sizeable chunk of purchasing power would have remained in the hands of Canadian consumers without the issuance of "debt-free" money at all.

## The Time Is Now

By J. E. COOK

President, Alberta C.C.F.

NEXT week Alberta C.C.F. members will be in annual convention in Edmonton. It will be a large convention but it will still not be fully representative of the feeling in the province.

It is a commentary on the spirit of the times that individuals are so busy about their own affairs. Hon. Mr. Abbott says it is a sign

of prosperity unprecedented in Canada. But it is the fear of the temporary character of this prosperity that drives individuals to such a nose-to-the-grind stone attitude.

But because people have been so definitely busy on their own affairs much of the organizational work that must precede any election campaign has not been done. Much of it that needed to be done ahead of the convention has not been done.

### It All Depends

An election in this province will not be called for political advantage, the Honorable, the Premier, so assured the public. The statement may not carry as much assurance as such a statement is supposed to, coming from such a source, because the statement was qualified. The honorable premier seemed to fear that the hand of his government was somehow going to be forced into an election by the fact of an election being in the federal field or in the province of Saskatchewan.

It is doubtful if an election before Saskatchewan may be termed a deliberate act for political advantage but no one will deny that for Alberta to follow Saskatchewan will be an act of political disadvantage to the hopes of the Social Credit government of this province to prove that Saskatchewan people do not like the C.C.F. government in that province. There

will be little disposition on the part of the strategists of the Alberta Tories to await that event. The *Edmonton Journal* after an interview with the Premier put it this way, and note the arrangement of the quotes! "If no federal or Saskatchewan election is called next year 'there probably won't be an election here till early in 1949.'"

### Up to C.C.F. Membership

These puts it squarely up to the C.C.F. membership. The time is here when each individual member must move on his own and make up his mind how far he intends to go. The potential for a C.C.F. win in Alberta is here. But it will require an acceptance of individual responsibility on the part of the membership to provide the initiative and community leadership around which such development may rally.

The first evidence of that intention will be to attend the annual convention at Edmonton next week. If a full quota of delegates from your constituency or community is not already arranged, move on it now. It is vital that there be complete representation. If C.C.F. people want a C.C.F. government they can have it in Alberta as a result of the election coming up. In 1944 we had more than 12,000 members and more than 70,000 voted for the C.C.F. The swing is here for the majority. No government can fool all the people for too long a period.

### C.C.F. RADIO TALKS

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## Who Won York - Sunbury?

By Grace MacInnis

**W**HO won York-Sunbury? It's true that the new M.P. is a Liberal, Dr. Milton F. Gregg, chosen in Ottawa and made Minister of Fisheries ahead of time as a bribe to the electors. But who really won the election?

Only one party emerges from the fight with real gains to its credit, and that party is the C.C.F. Not only did we increase our vote from 1,674 in 1945 to 3,504 this time—more than double. But in New Brunswick, from now on, the C.C.F. is the only alternative to the Liberal party and the capitalist interests behind it.

### Tory Machine Smashed

The York-Sunbury fight has completely smashed the Progressive Conservative machine in New Brunswick. And repercussions are being felt elsewhere. It was on election night, after the results were known, that the Liberal government at Ottawa "noticed" the vacancy in Yale, British Columbia, and announced the impending by-election. Only after York-Sunbury did they realize that the Conservatives were no longer a factor in Canadian politics.

### Handwriting On The Wall

The Conservatives saw the handwriting on the wall long before election day. One of their speakers in York-Sunbury commented somewhat bitterly that the "C.C.F." seemed to stand for "Crucify Conservatives First." He failed to realize that, as one of the C.C.F. student veterans in Fredericton said, those letters also stood for "Lick the Liberals Next."

Returning to Ottawa two days after the fight, I was struck by editorials in the dailies of Central Canada. Only after they seized on the C.C.F. gains and Conservative losses as being the most significant feature of the campaign.

Those of us who had the privilege of assisting with the entire campaign—Fred Young, Claire Gillis and myself—were deeply impressed with the calibre of the corps of student veterans who made up the C.C.F. fighting spearhead in Fredericton.

### Farm Support

To me the most striking feature of the vote was our solid support in farm districts—places where C.C.F. contacts had done canvassing over a period of months and even years. Then Minto, where provincial president Dan MacDonald and other miners had done their work, came through in great shape. Then MacAdan where the railway workers gave the C.C.F. a plurality. And Fredericton Junction where H. H. Stuart, New Brunswick's grand old man of socialism has kept the faith for so many years.

Morale was high on election night in the C.C.F. committee

rooms in Fredericton. Workers from city and country polls crowded in with the returns and stayed to listen to final results.

### Corruption On All Sides

Never had the old parties fought harder to retain supremacy. Never was there more evidence of corruption on all sides—liquor, money, promises, threats. Never have I been in a campaign where people came into our committee rooms to try to sell their vote for a few dollars or a pint of whiskey. Never have I seen a government town where fear of losing a government job played such an open part in the political scene.

The C.C.F. turned its back on this sort of thing. With no support from the daily press, with meagre funds, with a tremendous shortage of personnel, with little organization from which to start, it made such an impact upon the voters that it doubled its vote and left a fighting organization which can achieve equally spectacular gains at the next election. And that spells victory.

## Edmonton C.C.F. To Meet on Tuesday

Discussion of panel subjects to be presented at the provincial convention will feature the regular meeting of the Edmonton CCF in the I.O.O.F. Hall on Tuesday, November 18, at 8:15 p.m. The topics will include education, natural resources, social legislation, agriculture and labor.

Art Thornton will also review the work of the Saskatchewan CCF government under the title, "What Is Happening in Saskatchewan."

Delegates to the provincial convention are asked to register at this meeting.

## WILL ENTERTAIN WOMEN DELEGATES

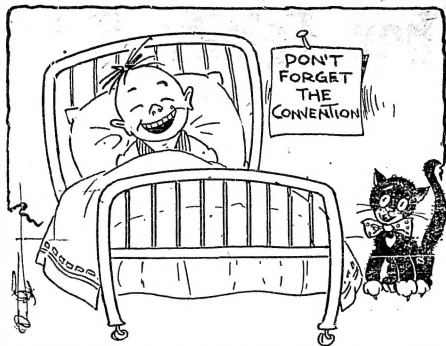
The November meeting of the Edmonton C.C.F. Women's Club was held last Monday evening at the home of Mrs. James East, with the president Mrs. E. Rogers in the chair.

Arrangements were completed for the dinner at the Embassy Room at 6:30 on the Friday night of convention week (November 21) when out of town women delegates and visitors registered at the convention will be the club's guests of honor. It is hoped all Edmonton women members and supporters of the C.C.F. will also endeavor to be present. After dinner a meeting will be held at which Miss Mary Crawford will outline the aims and purposes of the proposed Provincial Women's committee and an executive will be chosen. The club is also sponsoring a sale of pictures of the national leader M. J. Coldwell and there is to be a lucky ticket. The prize is a pieced quilt made and donated by Mrs. D. J. Christie. Pictures can be procured at the convention for 25 cents and the draw will take place at the dinner. The meeting concluded with a delightful lunch served by Mrs. East, Mrs. J. H. Dowler and Mrs. J. Herlihy.

## HAZEN ARGUE, M.P. TALKS AT VARSITY

Warning that a speculative price for oats and barley would ruin the livestock industry, Hazen Argue, CCF M.P. for Wood Mountain, addressing a CCF group of University of Alberta students, drew attention to the marked contrast between the policies of the Saskatchewan CCF government and that of the Liberal administration at Ottawa.

The natural resources of Saskatchewan are being returned to the people, he said, and the health (Continued on Page 8)



## Alberta C.C.F. Convention

## Premier Douglas To Speak

Leader of the first people's government in Canada, T. C. "Tommy" Douglas, holds a position in the minds of his legislative and other supporters that is different. A leader of decision and conviction, and not afraid of responsible action, he is still guided continuously by the advice and aid of the members of the legislature and the democratic committee set-up of the Saskatchewan CCF organization.

Premier Douglas will speak in the Masonic Hall, in Edmonton, on the night of Thursday, Nov. 20th. A past master in the art of

mixing humor with pertinent fact, those who are fortunate enough to find accommodation will hear an unforgettable story of CCF activity in Saskatchewan. To Alberta people at this time there is real interest in the story of Saskatchewan's social and financial legislation. Tommy Douglas, Saskatchewan's premier, friend and representative of Saskatchewan people, knows the story and can tell it. It will be a highlight of the convention for every delegate.

You should be a delegate to the CCF convention if it is possible to come.—J.E.C.



## TO THE WOMEN

An all-year-round favorite with every member of the family is Spaghetti. We have chosen a recipe which will be welcome as a main course for lunch or dinner.

### ITALIAN SPAGHETTI

1 pound spaghetti  
1 pint canned tomatoes  
1 tablespoon sugar  
1 grated onion  
1 clove garlic or garlic salt  
1 teaspoon salt  
A few stalks celery  
1 small can tomato paste  
1 pound minced meat (beef)  
Strain can of tomatoes and cook slowly for 20 minutes, add sugar, salt, grated onion, garlic and tomato paste. Stir until this thickens. Fry celery and onion. Form meat into small balls and also fry. Add meat balls, onions and celery

to tomato sauce. Cook spaghetti in open pot of rapidly boiling salt water about 20 minutes. Drain. Pour meat sauce over spaghetti. Serve with grated cheese, preferable Parmesan.

—MRS. E. RODNESS,  
Toronto, Ont.

This recipe was taken from page 148 of the C.C.F. Cook Book. Remember to order your copy NOW, by sending \$1.20 to—"To The Women" c/o "People's Weekly" 10010 - 102nd Street and we will mail you a postpaid copy.

We again invite all our readers to send in a recipe for publication in this column.

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# They Falsify Subsidy Issue

By Donald C. MacDonald

THE working partnership of Government and Big Business is really working overtime these days. It has launched a campaign aimed at bolstering public confidence in free enterprise. The immediate purpose of the campaign is to propagandize the Canadian people into believing that the payment of subsidies is merely taking money out of one pocket and putting it into another.

The reasons for the campaign are obvious. In rapid succession the Government has dropped subsidies along with its whole decontrol program. The cost of living has jumped almost six points in the past two months—that is, four times as much in two months as the index rose in the last two years of war when an attempt was made to hold the price line.

Fallacious Argument  
Public opinion is aroused. And well it might be! For not only are the Canadian people the victims of Government action, but their intelligence is being flouted. After years of boasting about the effective use of subsidies to hold the price line, now Government officials, from Finance Minister Abbott down, are doing a hatchet job on the whole idea of subsidies. After all, why continue this silly procedure of taking money out of one pocket in the form of taxes and putting it into another in the form of subsidies. It's as simple as that!

But the argument is as fallacious as it is simple. And it can be given the lie merely by quoting Government officials of yesterday.

For example, here's the situation today. With pre-election subtlety, Mr. Abbott told a nationwide C.N.A. listening audience that subsidies are being dropped so that we can get another tax cut. In the end, we shall be better, certainly no worse off—and free enterprise will be restored.

Agrees With Abbott  
The "Financial Post" agrees with Mr. Abbott. In an editorial of November 1 it refers slightly to the wartime period "when Ottawa was helping us pay for practically everything we ate and wore." But the "Post" went even further. Not only are subsidies largely a case of taking money out of one pocket and putting it

into another, but in the process "not unsubstantial costs of operating the complicated system" are incurred, so that presumably, we end up worse off.

Contrast with this the statement of Mr. Hiley, wartime Finance Minister, speaking in the House of Commons during the last session. Mr. Hiley was attempting at the time to counter the anti-controls tirade pouring across the House of Commons from the Tory benches. He recalled our experience in the war; and it bears eloquent testimony to refute the claims of Mr. Abbott who now talks and acts like a Tory.

Saved Consumers Money  
"From these estimates," stated Mr. Hiley on April 1, "it is possible to see that the cost of the control programme was under \$200 million a year, while the saving to the consumer purchasers and government as a buyer were on this hypothesis possibly \$2½ billion a year. These figures are tentative but they give some idea of the relative magnitude of the cost of the savings effected by the government price control programme."

What does this mean? Simply this: for every dollar spent by the Government on price control during the war, you—the consumer—saved \$12½. Total savings amounted to almost \$1,000 for every man, woman and child in Canada.

Now why is this the case? The reason is rather simple. Donald Gordon explained it carefully to the Canadian people over the CBC (November 8, 1946) back in the days when the Government was at least making a pretence of holding the price line.

"The subsidy system under price control," stated Mr. Gordon, is aimed to keep the cost of raw materials down at the earliest stage of manufacture."

If the price is not held by a subsidy at the early stage of manufacture, then every middleman who handles the product from primary producer through to the consumer, must make his boost in price. Inevitably, each middleman plays safe, and boosts the price more than enough to cover his increased costs. The result is a pyramiding of profits and price boosts all along the production

line. The vicious spiral winds upwards and upwards.

Government officials and Big Business are trying to blot out our wartime experience from the public mind. They must not succeed. If every dollar spent by the government during the war in subsidies eventually saved the Canadian consumer \$12½, then why not in peacetime? This is the simple economic fact which the people of Canada must grasp. The champions of free enterprise must not be permitted to sacrifice unchallenged, the truth, as well as the welfare of the Canadian people, in the relentless pursuit of their ideology.

## Press for Change

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libraries intend to ask for more money. They merely want a change in the provincial law. They maintain that cities and towns should be allowed to plan their library financing in a straight-forward manner and according to the wishes of their own elected councils.

The library boards are asking the government for a statement of their intentions in the matter. If the government does not intend to amend the Act at the next session the boards state it is their intention to take action to bring the matter of the restrictive law before the legislature.

## Cost-of-Living Is

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October 1 from 138.3 on September 2.

Food, as a group, accounted for two-thirds of the overall change, the index for this series rising 6.0 points to 171.3, supported by increases for bread, flour, butter, bacon, fresh pork, and a long list of minor advances in food prices. Meats were twice their pre-war prices. Home furnishings and services rose 2.5 points for 149.9, reflecting higher laundry rates coupled with further upturns in prices for furniture, floor coverings, sheets and towels. The furniture sub-group was 172.2, furnishings and textiles at 168.5, hardware at 164.7, and dishes and glassware at 170.3. An advance of 2.2 points to 154.2 in the clothing index was due to increases scattered throughout the entire list of items. The men's wear sub-group stood at 169.9.

Mrs. Brown (displaying new lampshade): "Isn't it perfectly lovely? And it only cost \$9.98!"  
Brown: If you wear that to church tomorrow, you go alone!"

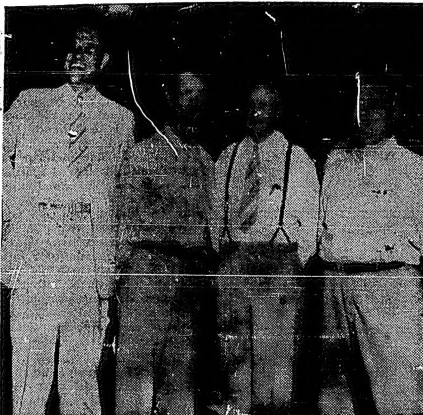
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to promote understanding of each other's problems, more than 10,000 Ottumwa, Ia., workers and farmers turned out for a 2-day celebration. Talking things over are (l. to r.) Tilford Dudley of CIO-PAC, Pres. Charles Stiles of the Ottumwa Milk Producers Cooperative, Dan Collins of the Iowa Farmers' Union and Chief Steward E. Fillman of Local 1, United Packinghouse Workers (CIO)

## In Name Only

Radio Talk by A. J. E. Liesemer, M.L.A.

ANYBODY who has ever voted Social Credit should realize thoroughly that at the time of the death of Mr. Aberhart the whole character of the Alberta government changed. Today the Manning government is Social Credit in name only. Whereas in fact the Manning government has emerged as the Conservative party of Alberta.

If you are a member of a farm organization and last election voted Social Credit, next spring are you going to vote for Mr. Manning who at a time when you were fighting desperately for parity prices delivered the farmers a figurative stab in the back and encouraged the Federal government to ignore your just demands? Mr. Manning still calls himself Social Credit but at every turn acts just the way you would expect any conservative old line politician to act.

### Bullied Labor Representatives

If you are a member of a trade union and last election voted Social Credit are you going to vote for Mr. Maynard who bullied your representatives when they asked for good labor legislation? Mr. Maynard still calls himself Social Credit but like any true Conservative he helped the excess profits of the big shots by refusing to legislate a higher minimum wage or any other of your requests.

### Education Neglected

Are you a parent hoping that this rich province of ours will give your child a better chance through education than you ever had. Then you will not vote for this Conservative government that still calls itself Social Credit but keeps on piling up surpluses to be spent lavishly in an election year while in the meantime your boy's childhood chances are being lost in correspondence classes and closed school rooms.

### Taxes Up

This conservative government of Alberta has had the highest revenues during the last few years of the history of the province and have piled up surplus after surplus and yet they have refused to assume 50% of the cost of education, they have refused to relieve the municipalities of the cost of old age pensions, of indigent relief and of many other costs that in other provinces the municipal taxpayer has been spared. And so the taxes on your farm and on your home have gone up and up to the highest possible levels.

High Insurance Rates.  
If you are a Social Creditor, in your convention you asked for automobile insurance at cost like the people of Saskatchewan enjoy under the C.C.F. And what happened? This Social Credit government regimented you and virtually forced you to take out insur-

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By electing a C.C.F. government our natural heritage will be used to bring electricity to the farms, to educate the children, to reduce your taxes, to provide for the helpless, to bring freedom and happiness and prosperity to all the citizens in Alberta.

The C.C.F. is busy preparing for the next elections which are so close to us now. The C.C.F. is a party open to all progressive people. C.C.F. members determine its platform and elect C.C.F. candidates. Get into the C.C.F. now and help in this great crusade of the people for the fulfillment of those visions of freedom and plenty which our natural heritage will make possible of conservative human governments would only let it.

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# The Farm Woman

## —God Bless Her

By Agnes Macphail  
Vice-President, Ontario C.C.F.

IT IS doubtful if any other group within the nation makes as great a contribution to the welfare of the family, the community and the country at large as do the farm women.

Large families are raised in the farm homes, a tremendous amount of work is done there; in addition to feeding the hard-working men, who of necessity eat great quantities of food, there are the children to care for and train, the poultry, the cows and the garden to be taken care of sometime in the long working day of the farm woman. It is too long a day, beginning too early and ending too late. It seems impossible that such a hard worker could find time to do anything outside the home—but she does.

These farm women are the backbone of the Women's Institute with their community interests and projects. During the war these women followed Canadian boys and girls wherever they were, with their love and work. The rural church would be desolate indeed but for the work of the W.A., the Ladies' Aid and the W.M.S. How they work to raise the needed money! The church suppers and garden parties are something to remember with the delicious and abundant food, friendliness and good cheer.

### Need Relief From Drudgery

Farm women are wholesome and constructive in outlook, and that seems to be what this and every other country needs just now. But, first, before asking these women to do more, we must relieve them of some of the drudgery—carrying wood and water, running, endlessly up and down cellar steps, working in out-moded kitchens, washing, churning and pumping by woman-power.

We, the people, can elect a

government—a C.C.F. government—which will appreciate the farm women and will extend electric power quickly over the countryside, putting the need of the farm woman ahead of others—giving her priority. But that alone is not enough. She needs more than power. She needs a refrigerator, bathroom equipment, a washing machine, motor for the pump, an iron and for summer at least an electric stove. These things are very expensive—more than the average farm family can afford.

A C.C.F. government would reason that the women on farms were more important than the profits of the manufacturers of the electric equipment and would proceed to manufacture it at cost for use and not for profit, which is Socialism.

Moreover, something must be done about those out-of-date farm kitchens. A model farm kitchen could be set up and could tour the province, showing the women how changes could be made to save them steps (to give them more time for the threshing, corn-cutting and buzz bees!).

### Wife Savers

I remember a time when the federal government sent exhibitions around the country by train that the farmers might see the advantages of modern improvements. Why not get model kitchens and model bathrooms on tour, and along with them a lecturer telling the cost, where the materials and equipment can be obtained, and so on? Every woman's organization would rush out to see it, and the women would pester their husbands until for his peace of mind he might do something about it, particularly if he had already electrified the barn and had gotten his labor-saving gadgets installed. There is an old saying, "A barn will build



Movie starlet Dorothy Malone examining some of the freight that has piled up at the Los Angeles headquarters of the Friendship Train Committee. Leaving on Nov. 7, the train will cross the continent picking up donations en route for shipment to Europe's needy. (FP)

## A BIT OF Nonsense

An angler who had been trying to hook something for the last six hours was sitting gloomily at his task when a mother and her small son came along.

"Oh," cried out the youngster, "do let me see you catch a fish."

Addressing the angler, the mother said severely: "Now, don't you catch a fish for him until he says 'Please!'"

Two U.S. soldiers, sightseeing in London, were walking down Whitehall. They wanted to see the War Office but did not know on which side of the street to look. They hailed a passing Tommy and asked:

"Which side is the War Office on?"

The Tommy thought a startled moment and replied: "Gorblimey! Ours, I think!"

a house but a house won't build a barn," and it is true enough.

But it is also true that labor-savers are wife savers, and a farm without a wife is a poor place indeed. Let us then all strive to give the farm woman a break in order that she may put her shoulder to the national wheel and do her full and constructive part in the larger sphere.

### JUST A MINUTE!

By A. J. E. LIESEMER, MLA

It is difficult for the people to find out the truth if the capitalistic newspapers do not press it vigorously.

And so the leaders of a movement who do know the truth, should inform their own membership.

Labor union leaders should tell their conventions of the hostility of Maynard to labor's representatives who asked for new labor laws.

Farm organization leaders should tell their conventions of Manning's stand on parity prices.

Co-op leaders should inform their members that Low and Manning railroaded through the Alberta house a resolution favoring the taxation of co-operatives.

Consumer leaders should tell their members that only the C.C.F. tried to keep price controls while Social Credit M.P.'s were louder than either of the old line parties in demanding an end to all price control.

Otherwise the members of these organizations, without proper information, will continue to vote Social Credit and will continue to fail to get what they want.

# Yellowhead

By CLIFFORD E. LEE

TEJE Jaune Cache is the name of a station in the mountains west of Jasper. "Tete Jaune," in English, is "Yellowhead" and a cache, of course, is a hiding and storage place. The story is that 125 years or so ago a trapper nick-named "Yellowhead" cached his furs in this locality. Because it had a favorable location it came to be one of the famous camping spots of the fur traders and explorers in the late 1800's.



Nobody knows exactly who "Yellowhead" was.

Some say he was an unusually fair Indian who came to be so known, but that seems unlikely. Other stories say he was Jasper Hawse, who in his later life became an independent fur trader and, according to legend, had hair which would earn for him such a nick-name. Whether or not Hawse was "Yellowhead" his name has gone down in history. For in his earlier years he was an employee in charge of the Northwest Co. post on Brule Lake. The post became known as "Jasper's House" and when authorities selected a name for the town and park which are world-famous today they chose the title "Jasper."

But the nick-name came down in history, too. For the mountain pass which gives access from Jasper to the Columbia valley and the west coast became known, because of its intimate association with the camps of Tete Jaune Cache, as the "Yellowhead Pass."

### Natural Gateway

No person familiar with the Canadian Rockies can fail to know that this pass is the natural gateway from prairie to Pacific. That it was not the route of the first trans-continental railway is part of a typical Canadian railway story.

One of the conditions to the entry of British Columbia into confederation was that the western territory should be linked to the rest of the country by a railroad. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company became the instrument of fulfilling the promise, and it began as a public, not a private, enterprise. The quest for a feasible route through the mountains began.

In 1871 Sir Sanford Fleming entered the mountains from Edmonton searching for a pass

with the low grades required for a railway. He was enthusiastic about the Yellowhead, and so reported. The altitude at the divide is only 3,727 feet and the climb from the town of Jasper to the highest point is only 237 feet. There is no other gateway to the Rockies anywhere on the continent comparable to this. One of Fleming's party wrote: "It looks as if nature had united all her forces to make this the natural highway into the heart of the Rocky Mountains." This was a party of engineers who knew what was wanted. They recommended that this should be the route of the first railway.

Of course the recommendation was not acted upon. For the history of Canadian railroad building is a history of acquiring expert and costly advice and then not acting upon it. Royal commissions have sat at length seeking answers to railway problems. In no case have the recommendations made become totally effective. Canadian taxpayers and ticket-buyers have always been forced to pay the ultimate cost of this stupidity.

### Chose Steepest Grade

The route finally selected was the Kicking Horse Pass, where the grades were the steepest in the world and four locomotives were required to push one train over the summit. Sir Sanford Fleming, then chief engineer of the C.P.R., had his revenge. For he was called in in desperation to save the blunders. At terrific cost the now famous pair of spiral tunnels were constructed near Field, in which the trains actually make a reversal of direction while inside the mountains.

Now an all-Canadian motor highway is to be completed and somewhat the same circumstances are repeated. Pressures are being exerted on the government by various interested groups and parties. Yet the engineers will undoubtedly have the same story to tell as Fleming had in 1871. What will be the result? Will we use the gateway nature has provided? Or will the politicians who think in terms of patronage repeat the blunders of their predecessors?

A certain minister, while preaching, said that every blade of grass was a sermon. The next day he was amusing himself by mowing his lawn when a country yokel passing shouted "That's right vicar, cut your sermons short."

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## With the C.C.F. In Alberta

The past two weeks has been a period of intense CCF activity in Alberta. M. J. Coldwell addressed well attended meetings in Macleod, Lethbridge, Lacombe, Ponoka, Wetaskiwin, Kitcoot, and Wainwright. A spirit of friendliness and inquiry was evident at all of them.

In eloquent but simple words Mr. Coldwell outlined the trends of the times and presented the CCF answer to our discontents and yearnings. Mr. Coldwell expressed himself as happy to have had the opportunity to meet Alberta people and remarked that there was a noticeable change in the thinking of Alberta people.

### Nominate Candidates

Max Campbell, M.P. for Battleford, has addressed public meetings at Minburn, Ryley, Bruce, Consort, Stettler, Sylvan Lake, Cooking Lake, Stony Plain, Sanctuary, Pembina, and at Freedom Hall. Nominations were made in Alexandria, Wainwright, Ponoka, Lacombe, Macleod, Rocky Mountain House, Clover Bar, Lac Ste Anne and Beaver River.

Candidates chosen have been of the same high calibre, men and women secure in the esteem of their friends and neighbors. There is, in these constituencies an evidence of intention to win in the next election fight. And make no mistake in this province it is time for a change and the CCF is the alternative.

Next week's issue of the People's Weekly will carry a short history of each of the candidates nominated, men and women of good-will, who carry the CCF torch high.—J.E.C.

## Hazen Argue, M.P.

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program is blazing new trails. Profits are no longer being drained to the head offices of companies situated in eastern Canada.

He reminded the audience that not one single part of the Liberal Party's 1945 election program had been fulfilled. There still was no old age pensions at 65, no adequate housing program, no public works program, no trans-Canada highway, no health insurance scheme.

The C.C.F. envisions a new social and economic order which will guarantee security and an ever-increasing standard of living for all Canadians, said Mr. Argue. The Liberal party's headlong retreat to the days of a monopoly-controlled Canada means inflation now and another dark depression in the near future, he warned.

## British Co-ops to Saskatchewan

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under United States law, the association will operate as a broker in the beginning but will begin acquiring crude oil sources immediately and possibly will acquire or build a gasoline refinery on either side of the Atlantic. These were the decisions of the ICOPA directors, who met in London September 25 and 26 for the first time since the association was incorporated.

L. R. Marchant, formerly of Chicago, is general manager of ICOPA. He will have offices in New York, Albin Johansson, Stockholm, is chairman of the board.

## Seven More

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andra constituency. He is president of the Co-operative Association there.

### Stewart Wright

Stewart Wright, a farmer in the Hughenden district and member of the provincial board has been nominated as the candidate for Wainwright.

### George McFall

George McFall, a teacher who farms at Etzikom, was the choice of the Cypress nominating convention. He represents the federal constituency of Medicine Hat on the provincial board.

### A. O. Arntson

A returned man, A. O. Arntson, former University student, who now farms at Hay Lakes, is the C.C.F. candidate for Clover Bar. He was formerly active in the CCYM in Edmonton.

### Raymond Schmidt

Raymond Schmidt of Blackfalds, 21-year-old farmer, has been chosen as the standard-bearer for Rocky Mountain House.

C.C.F. candidates previously nominated include Charles E. Boulter for Camrose; Paul Arthur Rowe, Peace River; Uri Powell, Spirit River; Leslie Harris, Grande Prairie and Joe Peterson, Macleod.

## Saskatchewan

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"We believe that a \$50 a month pension is the very least that ought to be paid our older people and the Saskatchewan government is quite prepared to pay its share of that figure. . . .

"We are continuing to press upon Ottawa the need for convening a Dominion-Provincial conference on social security matters and the absolute necessity, for raising the old age pension while at the same time retaining the same ratio of responsibility between the Federal and Provincial governments (75%-25%) as has existed during the past 16 years.

### Legitimate Responsibility

"If Ottawa refuses to raise the old age pension, then the Government of Saskatchewan will have no other course left open to it but to recommend to the Legislature that additional assistance be given to our old people, to be paid for out of provincial revenue. I want to point out, however, that if this is done we are simply relieving the Federal Government of what are its legitimate responsibilities and that if we spend provincial revenue to discharge the Federal Government's obligations, we cannot spend that money to look after

the people who are the sole responsibility of the province.

### Social Welfare Program

"There are in Saskatchewan, as in every other province, thousands of crippled and physically incapacitated people who ought to be on pension. More adequate provision for widows and orphans is badly needed and in almost every province of Canada larger expenditures are required for child welfare, juvenile delinquency and other social services. In Saskatchewan we have already instituted a fairly extensive social welfare program.

"Already we are spending for these social welfare services \$4.32 per capita of our population as compared with \$2.68 in Alberta, \$1.68 in Ontario and \$1.44 in Manitoba.

"This program needs to be expanded and intensified. The groups I have mentioned are the sole responsibilities of the provincial government. No provincial government in Canada is able to look after these groups adequately if at the same time they find it necessary to discharge responsibilities which have for years been recognized as belonging to the Dominion.

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